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3 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Knoche, AD/DCI/IC

VIA: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Further on the STIC/WSSIC Problem

REFERENCE: My memo to AD/DCI/IC, 31 October 75, Subj: Comments on Proposed DCID for WSSIC and Related WSSIC/STIC Issues (attached)

1. The attached package has been coordinated with [REDACTED] PRD, who essentially agrees with the proposed suggestions for handling the overlap problem. [REDACTED] PRD, who also reviewed the paper, does not agree. He believes that WSSIC should not be limited only to studying current weapon systems or moderate improvements to those weapon systems. He states:

"It seems to me that some formulation is needed to insure that once a 'research' program enters a 'military development' stage, the responsibility of analysis of that effort (whatever it is) passes from STIC to WSSIC. An example would

[REDACTED]

2. Modification of the proposed DCIDs to provide for this division could be done as follows:

a. Delete from the STIC DCID the languages which reads "including future weapon systems based on novel physical principles" and add in its places "including advanced technologies and new physical discoveries and their possible application to future weapon systems"

b. Change the wording in my proposed redraft of the WSSIC DCID (see paragraph 4.a.) to read: "and technical characteristics, capabilities and implications of known future weapon and space systems."

3. This division of the "cake" would not, [REDACTED] opinion, be totally satisfactory [REDACTED]

4. It seems clear that some higher authority will have to hear the arguments on both sides, WSSIC and STIC, and make a determination [REDACTED] as to where the dividing line will be.

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31 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

VIA: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed DCID for WSSIC and
Related WSSIC/STIC Issues

1. You asked for my comments on the draft DCID which
[REDACTED] submitted to [REDACTED] on 14 October, copy
of which is attached at Tab A.

2. [REDACTED] has done a good job of clarifying WSSIC's
functions and responsibilities -- with one major exception --
and I would hope that the final DCID will contain this additional
detail. I did not like the organization of the paper and have
redrafted it to reduce redundancies and provide a better progression
from broad mission statement to specific areas of responsibility. (Tab B)
Major differences between the two drafts are as follows:

a. Reference paragraph 1, for the sake of uniformity
and continuity, I believe the simple, "standard" format for
announcing a committee reorganization is preferable.

b. Reference paragraph 5, [REDACTED] proposed statement
on "Inter-Committee Coordination Responsibilities" is not
needed as this is covered in DCID 1/3. My version replaces
his paragraph 5 with one on "Community Responsibilities"
drafted in 1973 by the [REDACTED] group. This is consistent
with statements contained in other recent DCIDs on USIB
committees.

c. My redraft adds a new function, as paragraph 3.g., on
resource responsibilities. This statement appears in the
proposed STIC DCID and is strongly endorsed by MPRRD.

d. My redraft amends the language dealing with future
weapons systems which [REDACTED] is proposing.

4. This "future weapons systems" issue is at the heart of the current impasse between [redacted] Both are claiming a stake here. At issue -- at least for the nonce -- are lasers. Both men have operational responsibilities in the laser field, in OWI and OSI, and this has been the cause of much friction over time; the resultant need to coordinate production generated by one office with the other is usually long and painful. The language proposed by [redacted] in his new DCID would carry this struggle into the USIB arena, which has not heretofore been faced with the problem.

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5. The responsibility for following "future weapon systems, including those employing advanced technologies" was not part of GMAIC's charter. However, the memorandum to USIB of 22 August 1975 which formed the basis for the USIB consideration of the WSSIC proposal on 4 September (copies attached at Tab C), appears to leave a loophole and [redacted] has been quick to seize upon it.

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a. The 22 August proposal states that the problem of analysis of foreign weapon systems within the USIB committee structure arises primarily from two factors: dissatisfaction with the division of responsibility between SIC and GMAIC for the analysis of weapon systems-related information; and the desire of SIC to be relieved of the responsibility for covering current weapon systems to permit a better focus on advanced technologies and new physical discoveries and their possible application to future weapon systems."

b. The memo then goes on to state that the DCI has tentatively agreed to a proposal to "form one committee... to study all aspects of foreign weapon and space systems" (underscoring added).

c. The USIB minutes of 4 September, however, state that "WSSIC would replace GMAIC and assume operational weapon functions from the SIC (underscoring added).

6. It seems clear that the intent of the new division of responsibilities was to assign to WSSIC primary responsibility for current or operational weapon and space systems. This is a broad area and a much bigger charter than [redacted] previously had. Thus, it is felt that this attempt to expand into an area much more clearly in the STIC charter is not warranted. However, it is considered reasonable for WSSIC to address future improvements in known systems. It is also presumed that at some point, the responsibility for following laser weapons will revert to WSSIC, since they will have become operational and have ceased to be a "novel physical principal." It seems prudent to narrow the gray area between WSSIC and STIC. The language I propose is an attempt to do this.

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7. Along with the changes proposed to the WSSIC DCID, I would recommend one adjustment to the STIC DCID (copy attached at Tab D). I would drop the last two sentences in paragraph 5 which have the effect of giving [] additional weight in settling jurisdictional disputes. The language of DCID 1/3 states that:

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"Each committee shall exercise primary responsibilities with respect to matters assigned to it as set forth in the DCID establishing the committee, and shall coordinate with other committees established by DCIDs in areas of joint or overlapping concern."

I believe this instruction should carry for all committees, with no modifications.

8. None of the above has been discussed with either of the chairmen. I did advise [] of your desire to move along with the new LOIs and he promised to bring this to [] attention once more. If the above recommendations are accepted, this LOI could be issued with one minor deletion. The WSSIC LOI would need more radical surgery.

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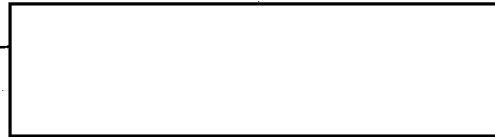
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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

14 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson,
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

SUBJECT: Proposed DCID

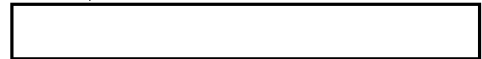
Attached is a proposed DCID for the Weapon and Space
Systems Intelligence Committee.



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